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The present invention relates to computer virus and more particularly to a method for use in a virus-free certificate proxy (107, 801), of retrieving from one or a plurality of virus-free certificate authorities (104, 804) a virus-free certificate (200) certifying that a file is virus-free. The method comprises the steps of:

- receiving (1001) virus-free certificate request for a file;
- selecting a virus-free certificate authority (104, 804) having authority to generate a virus-free certificate (200) for the file;
- requesting (1003..1007) the virus-free certificate to the selected virus-free certificate authority (104, 804);
- receiving (1003..1007) from the selected virus-free certificate authority the generated virus-free certificate;
- sending back (1005) in response to the virus-free certificate request the received virus-free certificate.

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